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SUBJECT: CHAD ASSESSMENT OF FOOD/SHIPPING/R&R NEEDS

REFS: (A) STATE 45687; (B) NDJAMENA 541; (C) NDJAMENA 815

1. MOST INFORMATION REQUESTED REF A HAS BEEN OR WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTELS, INCLUDING OUR PROPOSALS R&R ADDITIONS. OTHER INFORMATION AND SUMMARY OUR COMMENTS ON MAIN TOPICS FOLLOWS.

2. FOOD NEEDS/COMMITMENTS/SHIPMENTS: REF C IS OUR STATEMENT OF GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH DELIVERY SCHEDULE US SORGHUM. REF B STATES PROBLEM OF ASCERTAINING NEEDS FOR FORTIFIED FOODS AND CONCLUDES THAT PRESENTLY PROGRAMMED 350 TONS CSM FOR WFP AND 700 FOR UNICEF, BEING ALL THAT GOC SAYS IT WANTS, ARE ABOUT ALL THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

3. INLAND TRANSPORT:

(A) PROBLEM EXACERBATED BY SLOWNESS OF DELIVERIES TO CHAD BY DONORS  
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BUT CADENCE NOW PICKING UP. TOTAL 22,200 METRIC TONS STILL

EXPECTED BEFORE RAINY SEASON, MOST OF IT DESTINED PREFECTURAL DISTRIBUTION POINTS. UNDP NOW TAKING INITIATIVE WITH GOC FOR CONVOCAION MEETING WITH DONORS TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION GOALS AND ASSESS TRANSPORT NEEDS.

(B) US R&R PROGRAM INCLUDES DOLS 200,000 FOR ROAD MACHIN-  
ERY SPARE PARTS AND REPAIRS AND WE ARE PROPOSING BY SEPTTEL IN  
EXCESS DOLS 500,000 ADDITIONAL R&R FOR MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS.  
THIS SUPPLEMENTS FRENCH AND FED ROAD PROGRAMS IN MOST  
URGENT AREAS.

(C) OFFICE OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CONTROLLED BY DROUGHT  
COORDINATOR DJONOUA HAS INSISTED THAT ENOUGH TRUCKS ARE AVAIL-  
ABLE TO HANDLE DISTRIBUTION AND THAT ONLY DEFICIENCY HAS BEEN MONEY.  
HE HAS NEVER PRESENTED CAREFUL ESTIMATE OF MONEY NEEDS, HOWEVER.  
DONORS HAVE PROVIDED SEVERAL TRUCKS BUT SUCCESS HAS BEEN COM-  
PROMISED BY DAMAGES FROM UNSKILLED OPERATION, POOR MAINTENANCE  
AND BY LONG CUSTOMS AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES. (TWO CANADA/  
FAO TRUCKS ARE NOW BEING PUT INTO SERVICE AFTER ALMOST THREE  
MONTHS DELAY FOR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION.)  
SOME 100 NEW FIAT TRUCKS ARE EN ROUTE TO CHAD AS COMMERCIAL  
PURCHASES. THEY WILL BE SOLD TO CTT (COOPERATIVE) MEMBERS AND  
USED BETWEEN N'DJAMENA, MAIDUGURI AND GAROUA, FREEING  
EXISTING OLDER TRUCKS FOR INTERNAL USE. SIXTY ARE EXPECTED IN  
N'DJAMENA BY MAY. WE WILL REPORT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER  
NEXT DONOR/GOC MEETING.

4. STORAGE: OUR 392 REPORTED STORAGE STATUS. WE MAY HAVE  
RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER DONOR/GOC MEETING.

5. HEALTH /NUTRITION/REFUGEES: ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL REPORTS DENY  
THAT DROUGHT DEATHS HAVE OCCURED AND GIVEN FACT THAT SYSTEMATIC  
INFORMATION IS SIMPLY UNAVAILABLE, WE CANNOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY  
THAT A GOC OR REGIONAL SPOKESMAN MAY MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT TO  
OPPOSITE EFFECT. IN POST-CARNEGIE ATMOSPHERE SUCH WOULD BE  
LIKELY TO GET FULL AND UNCRITICAL PRESS PLAY. THIS YEAR WE ARE  
REQUESTING CDC NUTRITION SPECIALIST TO HELP MINISTRY OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH, OURSELVES, AND OTHER DONORS TO GET INFORMATION. MEANWHILE,  
MINISTRY HAS MADE NO SIGNIFICANT REQUESTS OF US OR OTHERS AND,  
EXCEPT FOR SERVICE DES GRANDES ENDEMIES, IS NOT A RELIABLE  
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SOURCE HEALTH, SANITATION, NUTRITION INFORMATION IN CHAD.

6. WE CONCLUDE THAT PRESENT LEVEL AND CADENCE FOOD SHIPMENTS,  
R&R SIGNED AGREEMENT AND ADDITIONS TO BE SUBMITTED, AND ASSIGN-  
MENT CDC NUTRITION SPECIALIST ARE ABOUT ALL USG CAN DO FOR THE  
MOMENT. DONOR/GOC MEETING, PROBABLY NEXT WEEK, MIGHT  
UNCOVER ADDITIONAL NEEDS FOR IMMEDIATE FUNDING. EMBASSY HOPES  
AID/W PREPARED GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION MOST URGENT OF

THEM AND ALSO PREPARED BE FLEXIBLE IN ALLOCATION AND USE R&R  
FUNDS EVEN AT EXPENSE, IF NECESSARY, OF MEDIUM-TERM PHASE TWO.  
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